THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Details of industrial approvals such as names of companies items of manufacture, capacities etc. issued from time to time are regularly published by the India Investment Centre in their monthly newsletter copies of which are available in the parliament Library.

(b) to (d) The details asked for are too voluminous and time labour consuming. In most of the cases, basic stage is fixed for manufafcture. However in certain drugs due to factors like availability of technology, economic viability etc. a phased manufacturing programme is fixed depending on the merits of the case. Drugs like Salbutamol, Frumsemide, Penicillin G, Pheniramine Maleate, Fenbendazole, Tinidazole, Norfloxacin, Diclofenace Sodium etc. have been licensed from basic stages while PMP has been fixed in drugs like Atenolol, Mianserin Hcl, Rifampicin, Steroidal drug Ethambutol, Injectible Cephalosporins etc.

Restrictions on the Imports of Ampicillin Sodium Sterile

210. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imports of Ampicillin Sodium Sterile has been restricted on the recommendation of his Ministry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that imports were restricted to enable M/s Armour and others to overcharge the price by Rs. 500/- per Kg.;

(c) what are the names of the producers of this drug and what was the production of each drug during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) what is the present price of the drug and what is the estimated demand of the drug during 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(e) on what considerations such a recommendation was made by his Ministry and what is the price at which it is being sold?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir in consultation with DGTD.

(b) and (c) Imports of Ampicillin Sodium have been restricted to encourage indigenous production, which is one of the basic objectives of the Drug Policy, and to check the outflow of Foreign Exchange.

(c) In the organised sector, there is one unit namely, M/s Armour Chemicals and their production capacity of the item is 28 MT per annum, Some other units are about to commence production. Apart from this, there are a number of units in the small scale sector manufacturing Ampicillin Sodium. Their production is not monitored by this Department.

(d) The notified price of Ampicillin Sodium is Rs. 2941 per kg. and estimated demand during the year 1990-91 and 1991-92 is 79 MT and 91 MT respectively.

Imports of Raw materials and finished Medicines

211 SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that imports of raw materials and finished medicines have gone up during the last two years;

(b) whther it is also a fact that there is a provision under Drug Policy 1986 under which drug companies have to provide information of imports every year; and

(c) if so, what was the import of raw materials and finished medicines of Hoechst, Glaxo, Infar, German Remedies and Wyeth during the last three years, year-wise and what was the percentage increase or decrease from the previous year in each case?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the new measures announced in 1986, companies manufacturing bulk drugs, are required to furnish details of drug intermediates or other raw materials imported by them. In this regard, the attention of companies was drawn through their associations. However, the response has not been adequate.

(c) Information to the extent available would be collected and be placed on the Table of the House.

Review of the Findings of the Murthy Committee

212. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR REHMAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress in the review of the findings of the Murthy Committee;

(b) what are the names of the drugs in respect of which the recommendations of Murthy Committee were accepted by his Ministry;

(c) what were their earlier prices and what prices were recommended by the Murthy Committee; and

(d) what are the details of deficiencies noticed by Government in the findings of Murthy Committee and what steps have been taken to rectify them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (d) The Price Review Committee, headed by Shri M. S. Murthy, made certain recommendations regarding revision of prices of various drugs. In view, however, of receipt of complaints alleging acts of omission and commission on the part of the Committee, it was decided to review those recommendations. The process of review is nearing completion.

Allocation of Imported Penicillin

213. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry made ad hoc allocation of imported Penicillin to certain drug companies which have not lifted indigenous Production in 1989-90;

(b) if so, what are the names of such companies; and

(c) what was the quantity obtained in excess through imports by each company during the last three years, year-wise and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There was no import of Penicillin-G/V in excess of entitlement during the year 1987-88. In the year 1988-89, only one company namely, M/s Jagsonpal Pharmaceuticals Ltd. were granted an ad hoc import allocation for import of Penicillin-V and this company was required to lift the corresponding in-